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AMENDMENT

In the Abstract:

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Abstract

The present invention relates to a method for releasing a ligand from a complex of the ligand with an endogenous protein using a releasing agent. The releasing agent is an effective amount of a benzoic acid derivative.